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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), /U.K.

SUBJECT: TRANSCRIPT KISSINGER, CALLAGHAN POST MEETING
STATEMENTS

REF: DEPARTMENT FOR S/PRS - FRED BROWN; DEPARTMENT PLEASE
PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR RON NESSEN

Q: INAUDIBLE.

CALLAGHAN: I THINK I SAID ALL I WANTED TO SAY BEFORE WE
WENT IN, BUT CLEARLY, IF THE PROOOSALS THAT HAVE COME
UP IN RHODESIA ARE SATISFACTORV THEN BOTH THE UNITED
STATES AND BRITAIN WOULD WANT TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE AND I AM SURE THAT THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING
PRESIDENT NYERERE, PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND PRESIDENT
SESE SEKO WOULD ALL WISH TO DO THE SAME.

Q: INAUDIBLE.

CALLAGHAN: AT THE MOMENT I AM AWAITING A
STATEMENT FROM RHODESIA AND IT WILL DEPEND UPON THAT
STATEMENT WHAT WILL BE THE NATURE OF ANY RESOONSES MADE
BV BRITAIN AND, I AM SURE, BY THE UNITED STATES.

Q: YOU MENTION - THE AFRICAN LEADERS. ARE YOU
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CONFIDENT THAT ANY PROPOSALS AND ANY ACCEPTANCE BY

DR. SMITH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ALSO TO THE AFRICAN LEADERS WHO SEEM TO BE QUITE DIVIDED AT THE MOMENT.

KISSINGER: BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA, PRESIDENT NYERERE AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, PRESIDENT NYERERE I BELIEVE SAID IF MR. SMITH SAYS WHAT WE HOPE HE WILL SAY THAT THEN WILL BE CONSIDERED THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: AND INCLUDING THE AMC? AS WELL?

KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRODUCING A CONSENSUS AMONG THE LIBERATION LEADERS AND THEREFORE WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST FOR THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS.

Q: MR. SECRETARY COULD YOU TELL US IF THE TALKS YOU HAVE HAD LAST HOUR AND A HALF HAVE BEEN MERELY A BRIEFING OR WHETHER YOU HAVE HAD SOME SUBSTANTIVE CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND DISCUSSING?

KISSINGER: WELL, THROUGHOUT WE HAVE DEALT IN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN ATTEMPTING TO GET A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH WE HOPE TO TAKE TOMORROW TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

Q: ARE YOU GOING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE JUST TO MEET THE FOREIGN SECRETARY?

KISSINGER: AND WITH HIS ASSOCIATES.

Q: WHEN ANY NEWS COMES FROM RHODESIA - WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT TOMORROW - YOU WILL BE AT THAT TIME IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. IS THAT RIGHT?

Q: BUT YOU ARE STAYING ON FOR THAT MEETING?

KISSINGER: NO, I WOULD BE ON MY WAY BACK, BUT I WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE A PARALLEL (GARBLED). IF

YOU HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS YOU WILL ONLY GET DIBLOMATIC ANSWERS.

Q:(LAUGHTER).

PRESS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED.

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